

## Gore Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists May 2013

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**Next Meeting**  
**7 May 2013**  
**Tuesday 8pm**  
**Speaker – Lloyd Esler**  
**Genealogy & History**  
**Annual Meeting 4 June 2013**  
**Remember Subs are due**



*We extend our sincere  
and deepest  
Sympathy to our  
Convener Rhonda, and  
Stacey, Nicola and  
Kayleigh, in the  
sudden loss of a very  
dearly loved husband,  
father and grandfather.*

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### April Meeting Report

Elder Tom Chesley from the Gore LDS (Mormon) church spoke briefly to inform us they have two computers installed. To make a booking please phone LDS Church. A presentation on the differences of certificates from many countries followed. Please do remember that NZ marriage certificates before 1881 will not give birth places, ages, or parents of the bridal couple. The Intention to Marry (licence) has separate issues when it states 'length of present residence' They only needed to be there for 7 days, but they could have lived in NZ for years.

The marriage certificate is the only certificate where the couple are both on site, and you hope they are telling the truth and sober!!!

ALWAYS request a photocopy for NZ certificates. It should have the informant signatures and YOU do the deciphering of the good or bad penmanship.

NZ Birth and death certificates before 1876 also lack the vital information you are seeking. If possible obtain a birth certificate of a child after 1876.

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Does anyone know anything about who put the Rowley's in New Zealand family tree on the Training access for ancestry ?? I am unable to get rid of it and need the person who did it **winniefoster1** to unable it ?

Thanks

Christine Clement (**Ancestry.com NZ tutor**)

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### Tip of the Day

While it is common for people to use the terms 'genealogy' and 'family history' interchangeably, they actually have a subtly different meaning. Genealogy, the study of ancestry and descent, refers more to the actual search for ancestors, while family history, the narrative of the events in your ancestors' lives, denotes the telling of your family's story. Family history is genealogy brought to life." Where does your research fit?

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### Research Project about Convicts Transported to Tasmania, Australia

**'Founders & Survivors'** is a partnership between historians, genealogists, demographers and population health researchers. It seeks to record and study the founding population of 73,000 men women and children who were transported to Tasmania. Many survived their convict experience and went on to help build a new society. By examining birth, death and marriage records and other historical sources, the project will produce the means of analysing the health and welfare of Australians over the past 200 years." [X to Dick Eastman's newsletter:](#)

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### Welsh Newspapers Free Online

Over 250,000 pages and 2.5 million Welsh news articles from 1819 – to 1910 with over 250,00 pages. <http://welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk> are now online. An amazing resource of Welsh ancestry because you can search for words, phrases and dates at the touch of button.

## Mothers Day

When you are talking to your much loved mother on this special day, why not take time to either record her memories or write them down

My mother Beulah Park FINLAYSON was born Mandeville 1906. Her mother died 1921 when Beulah was only 16 years, and she had five younger sisters, the last born 1913.

She trained as a Psychiatric nurse at Seacliff Asylum before marrying in 1934. She often spoke of the working conditions: all knives and forks had to be counted into the secure wards before a meal, and counted after.

Do you know what your mothers trained or worked at prior to their marriage. If you are privileged to have her still living, do ask her the following questions.

What subject did she like at school. Or disliked!  
How did she get there – on foot- what was the road made of. - .mud, metal or did she cross the paddocks.  
What did she cook for the Sunday meal. Were there any favourite biscuits or cakes she made – do you have the recipes? Write down your memories.

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## English Allotments

NZ is very fortunate to have ¼ acre around our homes where we can grow our own vegetables and flowers. As we tidy and weed gardens before Autumn, consider the following.



In England where the houses are side by side in long rows, 2 rooms up, and 2 rooms down, people have to apply to the council for an allotment in the large allotment field outside the city. These gardens are for individual residents who paid a low rent of £22 in 1997 and must be used for the production of fruit or vegetables for consumption by the plot-holder and their family (1922). It is amazing to note the quantity and variety of vegetables which are grown in these very small plots. (approx. 250 m)

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## National Registration

The 1931 census for England and Wales was lost in a fire and 1941 census was cancelled due to the Second World War. So between 1921 and 1951 there are no census records.

However just after the outbreak of war the government passed The National Registrations Act 1939 giving it power to create a register of all households on the night of 29 September 1939. This was for the purpose of issuing identity cards. Go to [www.ic.nhs.uk/register-service](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/register-service) to search the National register. Applications for deceased person's entry costs £42.

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## Ancestry.co.uk

Has launched a new collection of maps of 19<sup>th</sup> century Ordnance Survey maps of England published between 1896 and 1904. This will assist family historians to understand the world ancestors lived in. Maps show hamlets, villages, towns, farms, roads, watercourses, valleys, mountains, forests and orchards. Original maps in 1791 were created for military purposes. The new revised series started in the south, so the dates will be later for the further north.

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## Irish Research Fees Increases

Copies of birth, death and marriage certificates now cost £14 to £15 and search fees £7. New fees at National Archives of Ireland for certified copies and copying services. The revised schedules is at [www.nationalarchives.ie/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/New-fees-from-January-2013.pdf](http://www.nationalarchives.ie/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/New-fees-from-January-2013.pdf) (whew)



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## Local News and Directories – England

[www.findmypst.co.uk](http://www.findmypst.co.uk) for newspapers before 1949. You may find obituaries, deaths. Also search the British Newspaper Archive [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk) By 1970 most households had **telephones** – directories are available through Ancestry.co.uk They begin 1880 through to end of 1985. – confirm ancestors addresses. **Electoral rolls**- all men over 21 could vote in 1918, and this was extended to women in 1928. New Zealand Women gained the vote in 1893!!!

## Genealogy Research – Back Then and Now



In the early 1980s genealogists/ family historians researching their NZ families could go into the local Post Office or court house and site the actual register entry. All these original registers have been withdrawn and are unavailable, to the detriment of

genealogists and historians.

When research was back to UK, and they needed census, birth or marriage (no deaths) records in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, there was only microfiche in the local library (if you were lucky).

Films were ordered through the Mormon church. If the film was in NZ, it was posted from Hamilton, or ordered from Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. James Stableford phoned when the film arrived, and these were trawled through by laboriously winding the film through the reader at the Invercargill Mormon church. Concentration flagged (lack of food didn't help) by the end of the day, and frequently required another trip to read the last of the film. Vital information could still be missed. The main organizations providing the expertise were the family history societies spread across the UK.

The whole procedure changed with the internet and indexes available online. It is completely different now. Online data bases promote name research, but it does not encourage browsing, local knowledge or historical context or linking to documents.

Family history is now a commercial business. People who are members of Ancestry.com or FindMyPast believe these sites are actually archives. They are NOT. Unless information on either of these sites is verified it is only as accurate as the informant.

### New Online Websites

City & area directories for Canada 1819-1906 <http://goo.gl/OvsWE>

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) – Half a million indexed marriages for

Georgia US & some Welsh court records plus surviving British Army Service records from the First World War. But these are **ONLY available free to view at an LDS history centre**. Find the one closest to you at [www.familysearch.org/locations/centrelocator](http://www.familysearch.org/locations/centrelocator)



1852 Irish Medical Directory with lists of practitioners and members of scientific societies [www.findmypast](http://www.findmypast)

The British Jewry Book of Honour- military records of over 50,000 who contributed to British and colonial forces in First World War. [www.forceswarrecords.co.uk](http://www.forceswarrecords.co.uk)

The National Library of Scotland – free access to a number of 20<sup>th</sup> century British Army, Navy & Airforce lists at [www.nls.uk/family-history/military-lists](http://www.nls.uk/family-history/military-lists)

### American Newspapers

Millions of pages of past US newspapers available free online from 50 states. <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> and Genealogy bank

[www.genelaogybank.com/gbnk/newspapers](http://www.genelaogybank.com/gbnk/newspapers) and

Newspaper Archive <http://newspaperarchive.com> and [www.newspapers.co](http://www.newspapers.co),

Cyndi's list is a good place to locate historical societies and local libraries [www.cyndislist.com/newspapers](http://www.cyndislist.com/newspapers)

Caithness Archive Centre in Wick e-mail [north.highlandarchive@highlifehighland.com](mailto:north.highlandarchive@highlifehighland.com).

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### Voices of the First World War

14,000 interviews from the Imperial War Museum Sound Archive, relating to the Western Front and Gallipoli (where so many NZ soldiers fought and died). These interviews can be listened online at [www.iwm.org.uk/collections-research/about/sound](http://www.iwm.org.uk/collections-research/about/sound).

**Millions of East Kent Parish** Over 2 million fully searchable records of baptisms, marriages and burials which took place in the Canterbury archdeaconry (Cathedral) are on line for the first time at [Findmypast.co.uk](http://Findmypast.co.uk). Some records go back to 1538.

Lord Morpeth's 1841 testimonial Roll has been digitised and made available at [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk). 160,000 names, from all over Ireland, some with addresses, who sent their best wishes to the Lord who introduced legislation bringing reform to Ireland. This 420 metre roll took 4 years to digitise.

**Wiltshire Records** – over half a million Anglican 1538-1837, and Quaker records 1542 – 1897 are now online at [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) Quaker records area separately, but death records include the date and place of burial which is missing on English death records.

Sincere thanks to Famnet these articles..

UK Outward passenger lists 1890-1960 with names & details of passengers sailing from UK <http://search.ancestry.co.uk>

FamilySearch.org will allow users to narrow search by record and type. On main page, users can search across all record collections, and specific countries. Searchers on <https://familysaerch.org/catalog-search> can use multiple search terms together such as place name and keyword.

40,000 graveyard inscriptions & images from 13 Ayrshire burial grounds and cemeteries. Headstone records from 13 Fyfe locations All burial and cremation records for Bolton Council in Lancashire. Includes 7 cemeteries opened 1856-1928 & Overdale crematorium that opened 1954.  
[www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)

Scottish census 1841 – 1901 [www.genesreunited.co.uk](http://www.genesreunited.co.uk)  
[www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk](http://www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk) now has births to 1912, marriages to 1937 and deaths 1962.

Scottish wills and Testaments 1902- 1925. Over 400,000 wills and testaments give details of last wishes of 267,548 individuals. This brings the total number to almost one million. Even small estates under £500 were recorded. Included are 9,000 testaments from soldiers who died during the First World War.

[www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk](http://www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk)



POW's Collection on [www.Ancestry.co.uk](http://www.Ancestry.co.uk) site. UK prisoner of war records 19-1945 – has over 67,000 digitised records of British military personnel taken prisoners

during First and Second World Wars. Includes RAF pilot POW's. Has 8,317 British officers imprisoned during First World War. Records list name, rank, regiment, POW number, date went missing, repatriation date.

Forces War Records – original wartime newspapers, magazines and Journals [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)  
Chelsea Pensioners British Army Service records 1760 - 1913, prison hulk registers 1811-1843, Prisoner of War records from First and Second World Wars, military nurses 1856 – 1960. 1806 regimental indexes, honour and awards [www.genesreunited.co.uk](http://www.genesreunited.co.uk)

Millions of pages from 200 English, Scottish and Welsh newspapers 1710-1950 are available at British Newspaper Archive site. [www.findmypast](http://www.findmypast)

Doncaster parish registers 1537-1986 and cemetery records for town's Hyde Park cemetery [www.findmypast](http://www.findmypast)

Ireland – 2.4 million petty session records for Irish counties Donegal, Mayo, Kerry, Galway and Clare at [www.fidnmypast.ie](http://www.fidnmypast.ie)

Irish Family History Foundation has added over 41,000 census substitute records from variety of sources to Rootsireland.ie <http://armagh.rootshireland.ie>

## **RootsTech 2013 - Utah**

From [Jan Gow](#) (slightly abridged)

What an amazing experience to be in Salt Lake City for RootsTech!

They estimate over 13,000 viewing the live streaming sessions online. On Saturday, nearly 1,500 youth attended family history classes and activities. Altogether, more than 21,000 people were able to participate in the third annual conference, making RootsTech the largest family history conference in North America!

Of course, they are counting Whodoyouthinkyouare as the largest in the world. But I believe RootsTech is the largest for genealogists. People who ARE researching their family history as opposed to the General Public just wandering through on a whim to see what this is all about. I don't think anyone with just a passing interest in their family history is going to view the live sessions for example.

There were 250 sessions and workshops. This year the emphasis was on stories - creating, writing, publishing, preserving etc stories. I really thought there was too much emphasis on this. You can't have family stories without knowing the people.

You have to have the **who, where and when first**.

I was a little disappointed in the computer lab workshops.

You can download the syllabus (handouts) materials from RootsTech 2013 for a limited time. I suggest you do this as there are some very interesting talks. We had a choice of 10 at the same time sometimes! <http://rootstech.org/downloads>. Organised by day, and then by topic.

One good session was on Community Trees. I would love to see this project in communities in New Zealand. Fits in with one of my dreams since I was President. We can talk about this once I am home. The keynote presentations were all very good. planning. Go to

<http://www.rootstech.org/?start=0&id=K3&video=2255085876001>.

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